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SUBJ: UN PAY INCREASES

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 27 CALLED ON ATHANASSIOS PETROPOULOS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO URGE GOG SUPPORT FOR USG VIEW OPPOSING UN PAY INCREASES (REFTEL) AND TO PRESENT AIDE-MEMOIRE. IN VIEW OF MFA INTENSE PREOCCUPATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS WITH VARIETY CRITICAL PROBLEMS (E.G. CYPRUS, GREEK READMISSION TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE) EMBASSY CONSIDERED THAT PETROPOULOS REPRESENTED MOST EFFECTIVE LEVEL WITHIN MFA FOR PURPOSES MAKING DEMARCHE RE UN SALARY SCALE INCREASE.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR DREW UPON LINE OF ARGUMENT SPELLED OUT REFTTEL AND URGED MFA AND GOG SUPPORT FOR USG VIEW THAT UN PAY INCREASE AT THIS TIME NOT WARRANTED. PETROPOULOS EVINced REAL INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND, AFTER ASKING NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO ISSUE, HE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE CONCURRED WITH USG POINT OF VIEW WHICH HE FOUND BOTH RATIONAL AND CONVINCING. HE EXPRESSED
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BELIEF THAT AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER OFFICIALS IN

MFA AND FINANCE MINISTRY HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE
GREEK ENDORSEMENT OF USG VIEW TO GREEK DELEGATION UN. HE
NOTED THAT CHAIRMAN OF FIFTH COMMITTEE IS MEMBER GREEK
DELEGATION AND IMPLIED THIS COULD BE HELPFUL IN DEALING
WITH PROPOSED PAY RAISE. SUGGEST USUN FOLLOW UP IN DAY
OR SO WITH GREEK UNGADEL. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE PETROPOULOS
WILL GIVE EMBASSY DIRECT RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE.
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